

East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on February 18, 2015 at the Vista del Camino Park & Community Center, 7700 E. Roosevelt Street, Scottsdale 85257.

Chair Frank Narducci welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Frank Narducci, Vice Chair Marie Raymond, Council Members Trinity Donovan, Cheryl Foster, Becky Henry, Bill Myhr, and Emily Rajakovich

Members Absent:

Council Members Beth Haas, Mary Permoda and Marin Velarde

There were eight members of the public present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2015

Council Member Donovan moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 21, 2015. Council Member Foster seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

Call to the Public

Chelsea Grieve with Thrive to Five provided an update on their program.

Find Help Phoenix Presentation

Adrienne Decker Delgado with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health/Find Help Phoenix presented information about their program and about their upcoming new website which will make it easier for the public to find the services they are looking for. This website has been developed using the input from five focus groups with a total of 38 individuals providing feedback on both of the website versions. Ms. Delgado also answered questions from the Council members about the website and Find Help Phoenix's services.

First Things First Quality Assurance Site Visits

Regional Director Conrad Lindo provided information to the Council members about the Quality Assurance site visit to Tempe Community Council's Thrive to Five program in December, 2014.

Early Childhood Every Day Training

Community Outreach Coordinator Joy Leveen continued with Part 2 of the Early Childhood Every Day training which she had begun at the last council meeting on January 21, 2015. Joy also asked the Council members for their assistance at events and introducing her to community members. Council members were encouraged to approach community members about First Things First and share the core messages. Joy further asked Council members to think of who else might benefit from this training and what the Council members may need to feel

confident to approach individuals about First Things First. She will be calling or emailing Council members within the next two weeks to follow up.

Chair Narducci asked Community Outreach Coordinator Leveen to contact him to set up presentations to his school principals and health employees for the district and he volunteered to co-present.

Community Outreach Update

Community Outreach Coordinator Joy Leveen updated the Council on community outreach activities for the month of January and upcoming activities listed on her monthly report. Mrs. Leveen also outlined the Champion Recognition Program and provided names to the Council members for consideration to be nominated for the award from this region.

Director Updates

Regional Director Lindo stated he attended a meeting hosted by Quality First with providers in the East Maricopa and Southeast Maricopa regions to explain the strategic planning process, budget cuts and the resultant cuts in funding for scholarships in FY2016 in the regions. He stated that the information was very well received by the providers.

Regional Director Lindo referred the Council members to the Quality First update which was part of the meeting packet.

Regional Director Lindo discussed the report which was sent jointly by the Arizona Department of Child Safety and First Things First to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. He noted that there is now a process mandating all First Things First grantees to report suspected child abuse and neglect and that provision has been added to the scopes of work. In response to a question from Chair Narducci, Regional Director Lindo stated that the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Coalition has put together a speaker series to train providers about how to identify suspected abuse and they are more than happy to present the training to anyone who would like to receive it. Child Help provides the annual mandatory training on this issue. In response to a question from Council Member Donovan, Regional Director Lindo stated he will find out whether or not the matching funds from First Things First for the Child Care and Development Fund are in danger due to the reductions in scholarship funding in some regions or if funding in other areas can be considered as the match to draw down the funds.

Regional Director Lindo stated that Dr. Myhr will be hosting the April council meeting at Fort McDowell. In addition, due to the necessity to have all Request For Grant Applications and grant renewals submitted to the First Things Board by May 15, the May 20 East Maricopa council meeting will be held on May 13 versus May 20 as presently scheduled.

Regional Council Updates

Council Member Rajakovich presented information about a conference she will be attending on February 26 entitled, "Funding Civic Engagement in Arizona" about how to foster civic engagement in the grant-making and decision-making processes to provide more effective outcomes.

Everyone congratulated Vice Chair Raymond on her new position with the City of Tempe as their Education Coordinator, which is the city's liaison with the school districts.

Chair Narducci stated that everyone enjoyed getting together last month and that quarterly socials will be held, with the next one being scheduled before the summer. Attendance at these socials is not mandatory.

In response to a question from Council Member Foster, Regional Director Lindo clarified that the First Things First Summit will be held on August 24 and 25 and that while there is no obligation for Council members to attend, it would be nice to have Council members attend at least on Tuesday for the luncheon and closing.

Regional Director Lindo reported on the Faith Forum he and Council Member Permoda attended. The forum was for the Faith representatives from each of the regions with 18 of the regions' Faith representatives in attendance. The forum was held at the request of the Faith representatives for First Things First to further develop a job description of the role of the Faith seats in each of the Councils. Council Member Permoda participated in a panel discussion and shared examples of successes of Faith representatives engaging the community.

Adjournment

Chair Narducci asked for any additional questions or comments from the Council and receiving none adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted By _____
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Approved By _____
Frank Narducci, Chair